

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1057

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Micahel Brown upon his selection as the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year for grades nine through twelve and Field Service Region Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Micahel Brown is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has recently been selected as the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year for grades nine through twelve and Field Service Region Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, he has served with acumen and alacrity as a Montgomery Central High School (MCHS) mathematics teacher since 2002; in addition, he has rendered sterling service as an adjunct professor at Austin Peay State University since 2000; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2002, Mr. Brown taught at Dickson County High School, the Academy for Academic Excellence, and Clarksville Academy for a total of fifteen illustrious years; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated teacher lends his time and talents to numerous professional associations, including the Sigma Pi Sigma Physics National Honor Society, the Society of Physics Students, the Tennessee Physics Teachers Association, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Middle Tennessee Math Teachers Association, which he serves as a board member, and the Tennessee Math Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Micahel Brown is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting a contagious enthusiasm revered by his peers and students alike, Mr. Brown particularly enjoys the challenge of teaching mathematics in a way that makes it relevant to his students' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, as sponsor of E=MC2, which stands for Excellence in Mathematics and Character Counts, Mr. Brown organizes numerous observation activities using telescopes at the Adventure Science Museum and at Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, E=MC2 club members annually build a statue, which allows them the opportunity to work with their peers from other disciplines, including art, construction, and agriculture; past statues include a human sundial, Stonehenge, a pyramid, and an obelisk; and

WHEREAS, to further entice students to see the wonder and relevance of mathematics to their lives, Mr. Brown and the E=MC2 club form a band each year to perform a concert on Pi Day for the MCHS student body, during which students jam to rock-and-roll mathematics songs and eat pie; and

WHEREAS, his students assist sixth graders during Field Day by making hot air balloons, pointing out sunspots, and racing boats; they also solve mathematics problems during the St. Jude's Math-A-Thon, raising money for the children at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Mr. Brown, a NASA Educator Astronaut Nominee, most deservedly received the 2007 APSU Distinguished Teacher of the Year, the CMCSS Point of Pride Award, and was listed in the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* from 2001 until 2007; he has also published several technical geometry manuals and lent his expertise to numerous mathematics-related committees; and

WHEREAS, ever a defender of the most vulnerable students, Mr. Brown works with at-risk youth in The Bridges Program during summer, teaches Credit Recovery class after school, and tutors students in a Work Release Program; and

WHEREAS, a public servant of the highest order, Micahel Brown donates his exceptional abilities as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Big Brother and Big Sister agency, mentors and tutors children who are in the care of the Department of Children Services,

and volunteers at Omni Visions, an organization that places and monitors children in the foster care program; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devout member of Saint Peter African Methodist Church, which he has served faithfully for numerous years as a Sunday school teacher, a member of the Church missionary society, and as the custodian of the church's scholarship fund; and

WHEREAS, Micahel Brown truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Micahel Brown on being chosen as the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year for grades nine through twelve and Field Service Region Tennessee Teacher of the Year, as we commend his exceptional service to the students at Montgomery Central High School, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.